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Comments on [REDACTED]

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1. Comments of Geography Division analysts probably are atypical in that we are not primarily concerned with certain types of organizations and installations. Our interests are broad and include a wide range of sociological, political, economic, and military types of intelligence with emphasis on specific local detail (usually at the subprovincial level) that will enable us to prepare detailed area intelligence studies.

25X1A2g 2. The [REDACTED] organization/installation system appears to be an improvement over the existing retrieval system for most intelligence consumers whose interests are functional and relatively narrow. From our point of view, however, additional criteria and other categories would better meet our anticipated intelligence needs. General points along these lines are as follows:

a. Government apparatus below the provincial and major municipality level often is useful to us. Although it may not be feasible to include all subprovince governmental units, one step in the right direction would be to include subprovince units for provinces such as Tibet and Sinkiang, where dissidence has taken place or where dissidence might be anticipated, such as Yunnan and Kwangsi.

b. Similarly, the Party apparatus at the subprovince level, including smaller cities, often is of considerable intelligence value. Again, selectivity may be the keynote with emphasis on provinces (south and southwest China) where operational potentials exist.

c. Military commands in outlying areas are of intelligence significance, such as the several military subdistricts in Tibet.

25X1A2g d. Another addition which may be applicable to this phase of [REDACTED] would cover the numerous non-Chinese ethnic groups. There is increasing intelligence interest and reporting on these groups, particularly those in south and southwest China, and categories for the Miao, Yao, Hui, and others (which we could help supply) would be useful.

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3. In order to be more specific, the "Subject control only" concept (e.g., p. 6) could well be extended to a selection of political and sociological topics; it would be helpful to develop subject-only coverage on the topics in the lists that follow. Any such lists of subjects should, of course, be coordinated with A/F/ORR and OCI/CAS.

a. The following topics are suggested for the "political" heading:

- Planning
- Administrative supervision
- Campaigns
- Elections -- governmental
- Elections -- party
- Apparatus of government -- basic level
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- Local security: "class struggle", dissatisfaction, dissidence, disorder, apathy, crime
- Local Control: Methods, Policies, Enforcement
- Militia
- Detention facilities: Labor Reform Camps, Other facilities
- Guerrilla Activity
- Secret Societies
- Purges and Mass Shakeups
- Anti-foreignism

b. The following topics are suggested for the "sociological" headings:

- Population: totals for all levels from the county and up
- Population: movements (transfers, postings, refugees, etc.)
- Non-Chinese ethnic groups: Ethnic information -- situation, way of life
  - Village descriptions, settlement characteristics
  - Political makeup
  - Languages
  - Policies of government
  - Control methods

Religious groups: Islam  
Buddhism  
Lamaism

Social characteristics: family structure  
individualism  
population control methods  
literacy

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4. Section IV (Military) will possibly provide somewhat redundant coverage, since the various DOD publications on this subject are constantly increasing in bulk. Where CIA probably needs extra coverage is in the political and economic aspects of military matters. Provision of suitable topic lists of such aspects are in the province of ORR and OCI. However, we feel keenly the long-standing lack of any ability to recover material --

25X1X4 [REDACTED] which covers what might be called "micro-OOB" -- the militia, public security, border defense, and regular army forces posted to specific local areas at and below the county level. This information is much needed and is now virtually unretrievable.

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